GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF SOYABEAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NAFED has appointed AP Oilfields as its agent and GirijanCooperative Corporation as its sub agent for procurement of Soyabean;

(b) if so, whether this process of appointing agents and sub agents is causing delay in payment to farmers of their produce;

(c) if so, whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the UnionGovernment to appoint TRIFED as Union Government's agent for procurement of Soyabean in the Scheduled areas of Andhra Pradesh and timely payment to farmers of their produce; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Under Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement ofsoyabean in the Scheduled areas of Andhra Pradesh, NAFED has been utilising theservices of Girijan Cooperative Development Corporation which is a constituentmember of the TRIFED.This arrangement has been working well. Nomination of two parallel agencies for procurement under PSS may create operational and coordination problems which have to be avoided in the interest of the farmers.

NAFED has been drawing funds from the State Bank of India under cash creditlimit sanctioned by the Reserve Bank of India for the purpose by hypothecating of stocks procured under PSS for payment to the farmers.